

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENT

On the title page, please amend the title as follows:

GAMMA COIXIN PROMOTERS AND METHODS OF USE AND COMPOSITIONS
FOR EXPRESSION OF TRANSGENES IN PLANTS

On page 209, please replace the Abstract with the following Abstract:

~~Methods and compositions for the expression of transgenes in monocot plants including maize are disclosed. In the invention, gene silencing is avoided by use of monocot homeologous sequences from plants of the genus Coix for transformation. Included in these transgene sequences are Coix promoters, enhancers, coding sequences and terminators. Suitable alternatives to maize derived transgenes are desirable for expression in maize in that homology-based gene silencing can limit or effectively eliminate transgene expression. The invention provides isolated gamma coixin promoters useful for the expression of heterologous coding sequences in transgenic plants. Further provided by the invention are transgenic plants comprising such promoters, expression constructs for the introduction of heterologous coding sequences into plants, and methods of using the plants and nucleic acids provided by the invention.~~